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TWO THIRDS RISE SEEN IN COUNTY'S CHILD SEX CRIME

Basingstoke truck driver rows the Atlantic

ANDY Warner has completed his 3,000-mile row from the Canary Islands to Antigua for charity.

The Basingstoke dad-of-two and rowing partner Sean McGuigan finally arrived at the Caribbean island last week after 72 days out at sea.

Andy completed the epic challenge in aid of charities North East Alzheimer's Society and Ronald McDonald House, having never stepped foot in a rowing boat before.

See page 3 for full story.

NSPCC figures show jump of 68 per cent

By **Christian Wilson**

THE number of child sex offences reported in Hampshire has risen by 68 per cent in the last year alone.

A Freedom of Information request from children's charity the NSPCC found Hampshire Constabulary was called to deal with 1,734 offences in 2014/15.

The latest statistics showed an increase of 701 child sex offence cases on the previous year and equated to around five child sex offences being reported every single day across the county.

A total of 496 offences were found to have been committed on children aged 10 and under.

Just over 1,400 victims were female, with 315 young boys being targeted.

But while condemning the high rate, Hampshire's police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes insisted that increased confidence in the police was responsible – pointing to the success of the constabulary's child sexual exploitation crack down Operation Marmion.

He said: "I have committed significant investment to tackle cyber crime, which includes online crimes against children.

"Protecting victims of child sexual exploitation has been a priority for me for a long time and that is why I instigated the review of historic cases through Operation Marmion, which investigated 45 cases in 2015."

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New power plant in Chineham proposed

A NATIONAL utilities company is planning to build a new power plant in Chineham Business Park.

By **Christian Wilson**

Energy giants Centrica are proposing to build the small gas-powered plant on unused land adjacent to the railway line to provide back up power for the area.

An outline planning application for the development is due to be submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council by the end of this month, followed by a public consultation.

Around 20,000 homes would benefit from the extra electricity generated by the plant, which would be approximately half the size of a football pitch.

And with 850 homes proposed to be built each year until 2029 as part of the borough's emerging local plan, Chineham councillor Paul Miller has pointed to a need to provide more power for extra homes.

He said: "I fully support the idea of the plant as long as we give the pubic a voice to decide if they want it or not.

"There are a lot of hoops that Centrica are going to have to jump through, such as concerns it will be an eyesore and noisy, before this is considered for approval."

He continued: "Ideally you would pick a site that was nowhere near to anyone, but that doesn't happen anymore.

"But I think the principal of this is very important as, due to the emerging local plan, we're going to need and demand more power and electricity in the years ahead."

The plant is designed to be operated remotely so that it can step in at periods of high demand within just five minutes, while the engines would typically only run for a few hours a day during the week.

And Centrica has insisted that the proposed power plant would not overly affect residents.

Consents manager Jen Snowball said: "We've been working hard to identify the best possible site to ensure a minimal impact on the local community, while also providing the access we need to the local electricity distribution network and gas supply.

"The site at Chineham is ideal as it will make use of small section of currently unused land adjacent to the railway line and at less than the size of half a football pitch will be significantly smaller than the sites people tend to think of when picturing a traditional power station."

• The power plant would be built next to the railway line at Chineham Business Park as part of the plans

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Plans blasted

HART: The North East Hampshire group of wildlife charity Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has criticised Hart District Council's local plan consultation.

The consultation is running until next Friday and is highlighting the need to build 2,500 new homes in the area by 2032, while also preparing to construct a further 500 to cover shortfalls in Rushmoor and Surrey Heath.

Planning chairman Philip Todd said: "A single 'garden community' would be futile.

"All three authorities need to work together to maximize brownfield development and sustainability to prevent a nightmare scenario."

School burglary

ALTON: Police are investigating two burglaries in London Road, Holybourne, near Alton, which may be linked.

Both incidents took place last Friday, with burglars breaking a window and stealing £1,000 in cash from the kitchen safe at Eggars School between 1.30am and 4.05am.

The main doors at Holybourne Theatre were also forced open between 20am and 3.30am, although nothing was taken on that occasion.

Contact police on 101 with any information.

Vix victorious after 28-day cycle

AN ODIHAM woman completed her mammoth 1,700-mile cycle across the length of New Zealand on Saturday.

Vix Willis set off on her mission to cycle from the north to the south of the country for charity 28 days earlier.

The 27-year-old and cycling partner Lucie Gould have raised over £10,000 for Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust – a charity that helped Vix overcome the condition last year.

And after seeing everything New Zealand has to offer during her trip from Kaitaia to Bluff on the south coast, Vix described herself as "truly content" for completing the challenge.

She wrote on her blog: "Someone told us that as we got closer to the end, we would start to appreciate how far we've come.

"It's the blood, sweat and tears shed on the road that make you really experience and appreciate a country.

"We kind of get it now, although we're not sure we will be doing it again any time soon!

"As we sit here truly content, in our dressing gowns and slippers, I'm coming to the realisation that words will never be able to do the last 28 days justice but we hope you've enjoyed our best attempt."

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Oarsome Andy completes Atlantic assault

AFTER 72 days of "unmitigated murder", Basingstoke's Andy Warner finally finished his epic Atlantic Ocean row last week.

The lorry driver had to deal with technical failures while also battling 40ft waves and unforgiving storms during his 3,000-mile trip.

But despite aching from head to toe and being plagued by sunburn, the dad-of-two finally arrived at the finishing line in the Caribbean island of Antigua with rowing partner Sean McGuigan last Wednesday.

The pair started their journey from La Gomera in the Canary Islands on December 21 as part of The Talisker Whiskey Atlantic Challenge, with Andy admitting that being away from his family over Christmas was difficult.

He told the Observer: "The trip was unmitigated murder every day, and to say that I'm aching now would be an understatement.

"You know it's going to be difficult being away from your family, and we had some big technical problems during a massive storm on Christmas Day, which was a scary experience.

By **Christian Wilson**

"It was like something from a Carry On film us trying to sort it out, but nobody was laughing!"

The 49-year-old has competed in indoor rowing for years and completed 30 half marathons in just 45 days on the machine in 2014 – although he had an astonishing admission after completing his trip across the Atlantic.

"I've never even seen an ocean rowing boat in the flesh before all of this, never mind got in it," said Andy.

"I'm on crutches now because of the challenge, but all the pain is worth it for the people I met along the way.

"That was the highlight for me, the camaraderie, because everyone was fantastic and the people I've met will be my friends for life now.

"It was a great event to be involved in and I'm very proud."

Andy and Sean also used the challenge to help raise funds for a number of charities close to them both, with the duo raising £2,000 for North East Alzheimer's Society and £345 for children charity Ronald McDonald House in Southampton.

House manager Heidi Palfrey said: "We would like to offer our congratulations to Andy and Sean for finishing the row despite all the challenges they faced along the way and our thanks again to Andy for choosing Ronald McDonald House Southampton as one of the charities to benefit from his fantastic efforts.

"His fundraising will allow families to stay close to their seriously ill children in hospital free of charge and we are very grateful for his support."

• Andy Warner (left) and Sean McGuigan

• Andy Warner (left) and Sean McGuigan celebrate docking in Antigua after 72 days at sea

Rise reported in child sex offence figures

• *From front page*

Mr Hayes added: "It quickly became clear that reports were increasing as a result of victims having confidence that their experience would be taken seriously.

"Changes in the way officers track offences have also increased the number of crimes being reported."

A total of 41,457 offences were found to have been reported to the 43 police forces across England and Wales in 2014/15 – an increase of 33 per cent on 2013/14.

And the NSPCC has now called on the Government to increase its funding for support services for children who suffer abuse to help reduce the rate nationwide and locally.

South-east head of service Colin Peak said: "This dramatic rise is deeply worrying and shows just how extensive this appalling crime has become, claiming many victims every day, every hour.

"Sexual abuse can shatter a child's mental health.

"It can leave them anxious, depressed and even suicidal.

"That is why it is crucial every single child who has endured abuse and needs support must get timely, thorough help so they can learn how to handle disturbing emotions and rebuild their lives."

Alton man behind bars for stabbing pensioner

A 22-YEAR-OLD man from Alton has been jailed for 10 years after stabbing a pensioner during a botched robbery attempt.

Pawel Zimnicki, of Russett Road, threatened a 67-year-old man with a knife and demanded money as the victim walked towards Greenfield Avenue in Alton on December 28.

When the man refused, a struggle took place, with Zimnicki, who was wearing a balaclava during the attack, stabbing him in the stomach before fleeing.

The victim was initially taken to Frimley Park Hospital, before being transferred to St George's Hospital in Tooting for surgery, and is now recovering at home.

Zimnicki entered three guilty pleas on February 11, before then being sentenced to 10 years in jail for causing grievous bodily harm with intent at Winchester Crown Court on Friday.

He was also sentenced to eight years for attempted robbery and 15 months for possession of a knife in a pubic place, all of which will run concurrently with each other.

• Pawel Zimnicki

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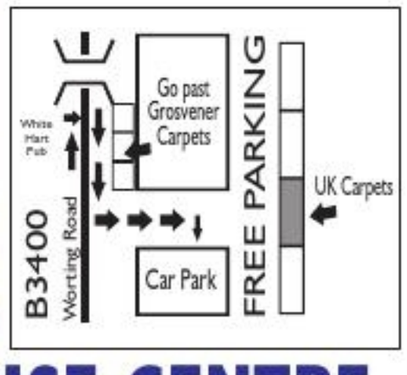

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Basingstoke man injured after car crash

A BASINGSTOKE man has suffered serious injuries following a three-vehicle crash on the A3093 last week.

The 48-year-old was in the passenger seat of a blue Hyundai i20 travelling northbound towards Andover on Wednesday when the car collided with a dark-coloured Ford Transit van and a blue Renault articulated lorry.

He was taken to Basingstoke hospital with serious injuries following the crash at around 5.45pm but has since been discharged, while the driver, a 27-year-old man from Andover, was also seriously injured.

Two men aged 47 and 49 respectively have been arrested in connection with the crash, and released on police bail until April 27.

None of the occupants of the Ford Transit van, which was also travelling northbound, or the lorry, which was travelling in the opposite direction, were injured in the collision.

Investigating officer PC Paul White said: "I'd like to speak to anyone who saw any of the three vehicles prior to or at the time of the collision.

"This collision occurred on a busy stretch of road during the rush hour and it is likely that a number of people would have seen it."

Call 101 with information.

MP wants answers over mums report

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller has demanded answers from the business secretary after a major Government report on discrimination faced by new mothers was hit with fresh delays.

By **Christian Wilson**

Early findings of the research were published last October and revealed that one in five mothers suffered harassment due to their pregnancy.

A report conducted by the Businesses, Innovation and Skills department (BIS) and Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) was due to be released in January.

But with findings being delayed to February and then held back until the end of the month, chair of the women and equalities committee Mrs Miller wrote to Secretary of State Sajid Javid last week to express her concerns.

She said: "As is clear from the first findings published in the autumn, this research has uncovered some shocking attitudes and statistics.

"We had factored into our plans flexibility to accommodate minor delays, but we were very disappointed to have been forced to postpone our first evidence session when it became clear that these documents would not be published in time for us to go ahead.

"Further, it still is not clear when we will be able to launch this inquiry and why there have been such long delays in agreeing and publishing a report on such a hugely important issue."

Other research from the report has so far revealed that around one in nine mothers claimed to being either dismissed, made redundant or being treated poorly enough by employers to leave their job.

EHRC has blamed Government officials for delaying the final report, with chief executive Rebecca Hilsenrath writing to Mrs Miller telling her that the commission is considering publishing its own recommendations without BIS if further delays occur.

She added: "There would be significant disadvantages to this approach.

"First, we would be unable to show the evidence underpinning a number of our conclusions and recommendations, which would detract from their credibility and authority.

"Second, we consider that the different elements of this important work will have more impact if published together as the start of a concerted campaign to drive the changes that we want to see."

"We have therefore decided to continue to press BIS for agreement to publication of the full package, [although] we will revisit this decision if it appears impossible to secure an agreement."

• Basingstoke MP Maria Miller has written to business secretary to question the continued delay of the report

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Traffic trouble

BASINGSTOKE: Police were called to control traffic at Black Dam Roundabout last Friday after the traffic lights failed for a second time in less than two weeks.

The new layout for the long-awaited roundabout was opened on February 9 following £11milllion of works, with two accidents occurring on February 24 after the lights went out.

And Highways England was called to deal with another fault at 6.49am on Friday.

Charity flyers

BASINGSTOKE: Adrenaline junkies can fly for a discounted price, while raising money for Sport Relief at the same time at Airkix Indoor Skydiving until next Friday.

Visitors can fly at the centre in Euskirchen Way for half price at £25.

Puppet event

BASING VIEW: Dynamic puppet conference Got No Strings will return to Basingstoke for its second year next Friday.

The Proteus Theatre Company event will feature master classes, talks and debate with industry professionals.

The conference will run from 10.30am to 6pm at Spring Park House in Basing View, with entry costing £50 per person.

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Mum blames bullying for teenager's death

A DIABETIC Popley teenager died after he stopped taking his daily insulin injections because of teasing at school, an inquest has heard.

By **Christian Wilson**

Blake Cook, of Fountains Close, died on February 25 last year shortly after being rushed to Basingstoke hospital with a stomach bug.

· Blake Cook

North East Hampshire Coroner Andrew Bradley ruled that the 15-year-old had died from diabetic ketoacidosis, brought on by him failing to take his insulin.

And mum Davina Cook, who checked her son's blood sugar levels each week, claimed that her "prince" had secretly stopped treating himself after being bullied at school.

Speaking at last Wednesday's inquest at Basingstoke Law Courts, she said: "He didn't like injecting at school because of the bullying so he must have stopped then.

"When he got older, he wanted to do his injections for himself and wouldn't do it if I was stood there, so I didn't know.

"He was my prince and would try and be brave. The teasing must have hurt him."

Diabetic ketoacidosis is a complication caused by a lack of insulin in the system to fight high blood sugar levels, with the body instead breaking down fat as an alternative source of fuel.

Blake had been suffering with a stomach upset for three days before he was taken to hospital, with independent consultant pathologist Dr Basil Purdue stating his belief that not treating him quickly enough also contributed to his death.

He said: "I don't know if he was too ill to inject or didn't want to because he was tired of doing it.

"But on the balance of probability, if he'd arrived at hospital when he first became ill on the Monday, he would've survived."

Coroner Mr Bradley added: "This is a devastating case but it needs to be highlighted that with young diabetics, if there are problems, you have to seek help sooner rather than later."

Hunt is on for new venue for dog club

· Sally's springer spaniel Kofi

A BASINGSTOKE animal lover is on a mission to launch a dog agility club for the town.

Dog owners currently have to travel as far as Reading, Guildford or Newbury to take part in classes due to a lack of venue.

But Sally Hayward, who competed with her canine companion Kofi at the Crufts 2013 finals, is now on the lookout to open Basingstoke's first club 'Spring in to Action'.

She said: "I am absolutely passionate about setting up a dog agility club in Basingstoke.

"So many people have expressed an interest in trying out this exciting activity, but they're either put off by the distances they need to travel to access a club, or simply don't have the means to get there.

"Whether you want to perform competitively, or just find another way to spend some quality time with your four-legged friend, I don't think dog agility can be beaten."

She added: "As well as being a personal project, I really want to do this for the local community."

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Police warning

BASINGSTOKE: Police have warned residents to be "extra vigilant" after two suspicious looking men were seen talking to an elderly woman outside a supermarket.

The incident occurred outside Morrisons in Worting Road at around 12.30pm on February 27, with the two men understood to have been European and of scruffy appearance.

One of the unknown suspects has been described as 6ft tall, tanned and unshaven, while the other was around 5ft 7ins and of a larger build.

Call 101 with information.

Rating reduction

OVERTON: Ofsted inspectors have reduced the rating of Overton Preschool following an inspection last month.

Its grade has been reduced from 'outstanding' to 'good' following an inspection carried out by Ofsted on February 1.

The report said: "At times, staff miss some opportunities to encourage children to complete tasks for themselves."

Council meeting

HAMPSHIRE: The county council's cabinet is due to meet up for a meeting at its offices on March 21.

Councillors will meet at The Castle in Winchester from 10.30am.

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Charity challenge

HAMPSHIRE: An Army regiment is to tackle a series of fundraisers in aid of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA).

Members of 14 (Cole's Kop) Battery, from 16 Regiment Royal Artillery, are spending their free time running, cycling, rowing and swimming the 15,533 miles from the Falkland Islands, where they are based, to the charity's home in Thruxton.

The Battery is also set to conduct a larger event, such as a 24-hour treadmill relay challenge, 12-hour swim or 24-hour football challenge, to raise funds.

To donate, visit justgiving.com/helpforskyheroes.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, March 4.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 44763 of Bramley, while ticket 89716 of Tadley claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Cliddesden ticket 29310, and South Ham ticket 06621 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 02738, 12618, 14904, 20086, 39120, 39369, 43761, 46794, 48442, 56605, 60862, 62724, 67654, 70653, 77370 and 78799.

Children's centre cuts branded 'disgraceful'

THE leader of Basingstoke's Labour group has labelled the proposed culling of the town's children's centres as "absolutely disgraceful".

By **Christian Wilson**

Hampshire County Council is currently exploring the option of slashing the number of centres countywide from 54 to 11 to save £8.5million.

All but one of Basingstoke's 11 facilities are being earmarked for closure, with only Chiltern Primary School-based Honeycomb due to be retained to become a singular family support hub for the area.

The proposals, which are now under public consultation until May 3, will put up to 60 per cent of staff positions at risk, with the majority of centres set to instead be made available for alternative community use.

But with the county council set to receive an extra £18m over the next two years to help manage a drop in Government grants, borough councillor Paul Harvey has accused the authority of not wanting to save the centres.

He said: "I'm truly concerned as it's totally and utterly unjustified.

"It's absolutely disgraceful that they have targeted children's centres in their cuts as they can afford to save them.

"There's no need to do this, the council were given £18m a few weeks ago and could find the money to save the centres if they wanted to."

The plans aim to maintain one fully operational children's centre in each of Hampshire's 11 districts, in areas where families live that have the highest level of need.

And the county council hope that bringing together separate services under one roof will improve access to child and adolescent mental health care, while also contributing to its saving target of £98m by next April.

Executive lead member for children's services Keith Mans said: "With public sector budgets continuing to be reduced by central Government, it is vital that we make sure the available resources we do have in Hampshire are focused on those who have high levels of need of our help, care and protection.

"The proposal to form a single, joined-up family support service would involve reshaping how early help support for families is delivered in the longer term, to ensure that those who do not meet the threshold for statutory social care, continue to receive the support they need in the future."

Cllr Harvey added: "It's disgusting and the council have no excuses – it's just as much their doing as the Government's.

"This will do huge damage to families and children as these centres make a huge difference to their lives."

To comment, visit .hants.gov.uk/childrens-services-consultation.

• Leader of Basingstoke's Labour group Paul Harvey feels the cuts are "disgusting"

High percentage of pupils get first choice school

MORE than 98 per cent of Hampshire parents applying for a Year 7 place for their child in September have been offered a secondary school of their choice.

The county council received 13,467 applications - up by more than 500 on the previous year – with 93.5 per cent getting into their first preferred school.

Executive member for education, Peter Edgar, said: "We have again been able to offer a very high number of pupils a place at their preferred secondary school.

"That's a significant achievement considering the size of the county and increasing demand for school places.

"Pupil numbers continue to rise and I am pleased to say that our investment in schools to provide the additional places is keeping pace."

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools will be allocated a place at a school near to where they live, with offers due to go out to parents by April 18.

Cllr Edgar continued: "I understand there will be some disappointment for those parents who did not secure a place at one of their chosen schools.

"But every child whose parents applied for a place has been offered one."

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Pension pot

BASINGSTOKE: The average pension pot size for residents in Basingstoke is £48,475 – a great deal lower than neighbouring areas.

In comparison, the average for Newbury residents is £53,420, while the average for in Thatcham is £67,009.

The findings were discovered as part of analysis from leading pensions specialists Portal Financial, who found that Hampshire's average of £55,596, was the 15th lowest in England, compared to the national average of £63,387.

Licence warning

BASINGSTOKE: Takeaway food shops from across the town that show live TV are being reminded to get a licence immediately.

A total of 45 takeaways currently operate in Basingstoke, with many offering customers entertainment via wall-mounted TVs.

Businesses could face fines of up to £1,000 per offence if they don't have a TV licence, which currently costs £145.50.

TV Licensing spokesperson for the South East Andrew Crook said: "With many takeaways mounting small TV screens, it's really important that owners take into consideration that, if not correctly licensed, they face a fine."

Fire service's warning of straightener danger

HAMPSHIRE'S fire service has thrown its weight behind a national campaign highlighting the dangers of hair straighteners.

By **Christian Wilson**

Around 650,000 house fires have been caused across the country due to straighteners or other products like curling irons or hairdryers being left on.

Electrical Safety First has launched its campaign Pull the Plug to highlight the potential dangers, with the charity finding that one in 12 women do not always turn their straighteners off properly after using them.

And Hampshire Fire and Rescue has warned residents not to make this mistake, uploading a series of videos simulating just how quickly a fire can spread from the beauty products.

Assistant Chief Officer Steve Foye said: "The dangers of leaving appliances such as straighteners on are stark.

"Fire safety might not immediately spring to mind during a beauty routine, but it's vital that people remember to take care as they get ready to go out.

"We've tested the dangers of hair straighteners with Electrical Safety First to show what can happen when they are left on and unattended.

"We captured this on film and we hope that this illustrates the risks and reminds people of the importance of switching these appliances off."

Research conducted by Electrical Safety First has found that people aged between 18 and 24 are most at risk, with one in three people being burnt and 200,000 people in the age group experiencing a house fire as a result.

Head of Communications Emma Apter said: "Straighteners can reach temperatures of more than 235C and can take up to 40 minutes to cool down. "Considering that they reach temperatures hotter than a deep fat-fryer, there's a very high risk of damage or fire if left near flammable materials.

"Our advice is to pull the plug on your appliances: switch them off when you've finished using them and leave them to cool on a mat or heat proof surface."

· A simulated hair straightener fire

Station revives Olympic memories

· Neil Ogden at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park

HOSPITAL Radio Basingstoke (HRB) celebrated a major landmark on Sunday at the home of the London 2012 Olympics.

The station broadcast the 1,000th edition of its show 'The Sound of Sunday' live from Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

HRB started the Sunday afternoon show in March 1991, with presenter Neil Ogden visiting the park's Velodrome and Aquatics Centre among other venues during the landmark transmission, before then finishing the broadcast at the top of the Orbit.

He said: "When I was thinking about how to mark 1,000 shows and 25 years, the thought of doing an entire show from the park seemed like a mad idea.

"But the press office at the park and the venues were very helpful and the whole show has come together over the last three months of planning.

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Youth groups benefit from council grants

THE county council has committed more than £470,000 in extra funding to support vulnerable young people across Hampshire.

A grant of £164,205 has been awarded to charity Basingstoke Voluntary Action as part of the move to provide help for services that support children in the county.

Basingstoke-based group Breakout Youth, which provides confidential support for youngsters who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT), has also been handed £14,000 to continue its work.

A total of 24 different organisations from Hampshire will benefit from the grants at a time when the county council is consulting on cutting 43 of its 54 children's centres to save the authority £8.5million.

Executive lead member for children's services Keith Mans said: "These organisations play an important role in supporting our commitment to helping to improve the lives of all children and young people and, in particular those who are vulnerable and in need of help and protection."

He added: "We want to do the very best we can for those vulnerable young people, to help them to be healthy, stay safe and for them to achieve beyond their expectations."

Police warn about drug-driving risks

HAMPSHIRE police have pleaded with residents not to get behind the wheel of a car when under the influence of drugs.

By **Christian Wilson**

A total of 122 drug-driving arrests were made across the county over the last 12 months following an increase in roadside testing by Hampshire Constabulary officers.

The crackdown was aided by the force's countywide festive campaign Operation Holly, which saw the number of arrests increase by 150 per cent during December compared to the previous year's campaign.

The number of drink- and drug-driving arrests in Basingstoke and Deane reduced from 24 to 23 as part of the scheme.

But speaking as part of the launch of road safety group THINK!'s Drug Drive campaign last Wednesday, Hampshire's Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard warned offenders that they would be caught.

He said: "The new testing equipment which came out last year has given the police an additional tool in the armoury of officers to detect offenders who put not only their own but other persons' lives at risk on our roads by driving whilst under the influence of drugs.

"It is illegal to drive if your driving is impaired by legal or illegal drugs.

"You don't have to be on illegal drugs to be unfit to drive - many prescription or over-the-counter medicines can also impair your ability to drive."

Offenders can receive up to six months in prison if caught driving while having any of 17 illegal or medical drugs over a specified level in their blood, following changes to the law last March.

Drug-driving arrests have soared by 800 per cent nationwide over the last year as a result of a new easy-to-use roadside swab test conducted by police as a result of the law changes.

Sgt Heard added: "All those suspected of driving whilst impaired, or over the prescribed drug limit, will still need to have a blood sample taken for analysis.

"However, the new equipment has assisted officers to detect the presence of drugs closer to the time of driving and thus allow blood samples to be taken quicker without always needing the opinion of a medical practitioner to assess the condition of the driver first.

"Don't drive impaired, you risk your life and the lives of other innocent motorists and road users – it's not worth the risk."

Have your say online

· Hampshire Road Safety Sergeant Rob Heard

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Chief unveiling

HAMPSHIRE: The new chief constable of Hampshire Constabulary is expected to be officially unveiled tomorrow.

Hampshire Police and Crime Panel will meet at Hampshire County Council's offices in Winchester at 10am to make a final decision.

The panel is expected to name Olivia Pinkney after Hampshire police and crime commissioner Simon Hayes selected the Sussex Police Deputy Chief Constable as his preferred candidate.

Noise complaints

BASINGSTOKE: Police were called to Basingstoke Leisure Park following complaints a large group of drivers were making too much noise.

Officers arrived just after 7.30pm on Saturday, February 27, to find about 100 cars on the site's car park. After they left, the noise dropped to an acceptable level.

Model rail show

BASINGSTOKE: Aldworth Science College will host a show by Basingstoke and North Hants Model Railway Society.

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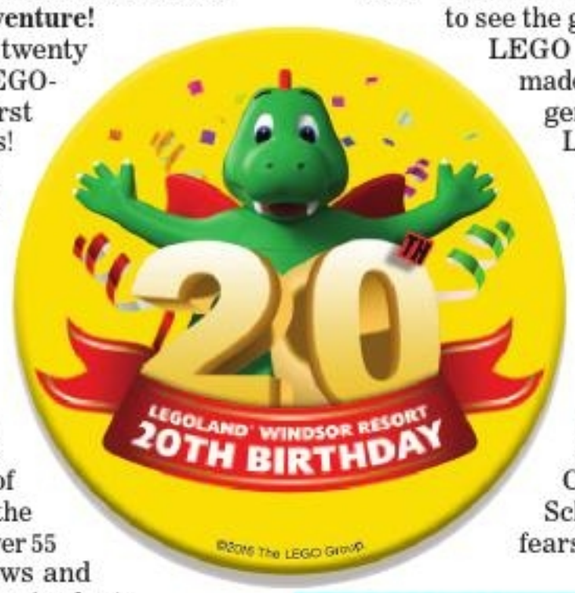

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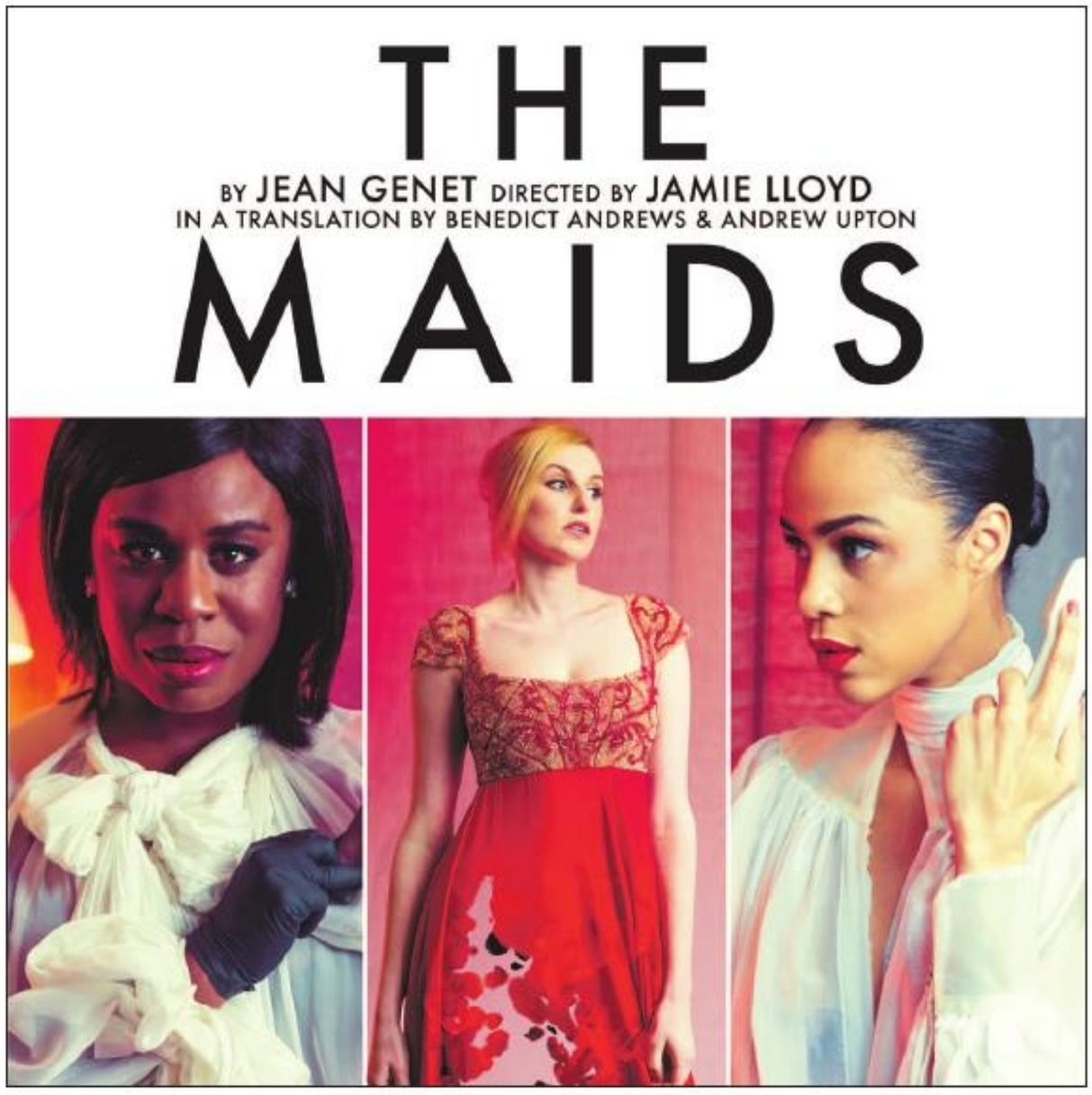

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BBC1

Pointless, 5.15pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Heir Hunters** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Countryside 999** (S) **11.45 Claimed and Shamed** (S)(R) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Moving On** A plumber struggles to deal with his gambling problem. (S)(R) **3.00 Escape to the Country** Finding a home in Leicestershire. (S)(R) **3.45 The TV That Made Me** (S) **4.30 Flog It!** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes** (S)

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7.00 The One Show Hosted by Alex Jones. (S)
7.30 MOTD Live: The FA Cup Reading v Crystal Palace (kick-off 7.55pm). Coverage of the sixth-round tie, which takes place at the Madejski Stadium. (S)

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10.00 BBC News at Ten (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.35 Comedy Playhouse: Stop/Start One-off sitcom about three marriages in various stages of disrepair. Last in the series. (S)

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11.05 Catherine Tate's Nan A trip to the council offices ends in chaos. (S)(R)
11.35 The Celebrity Apprentice USA. (S)

AFTER 12

1.00 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Great Interior Design Challenge: Ultimate Secrets, 7pm

6.15 Heir Hunters (S)(R) **7.00 Countryside 999** (S)(R) **7.45 Claimed and Shamed** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: MasterChef: The Professionals** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 The Chef's Protege** (S)(R) **1.30 Portillo's State Secrets** (S)(R) **2.00 Who Do You Think You Are?** Richard Madeley traces his Canadian heritage. (S)(R) **3.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries** (S)(R) **3.50 Mountain** (S)(R) **4.50 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip** (S)(R) **5.20 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** (S) **6.30 Too Much TV** (S)

7.00 Great Interior Design Challenge: Ultimate Secrets Tom Dyckhoff looks at the ultimate rules of house design, featuring insider techniques used by judges Sophie Robinson and Daniel Hopwood. (S)

8.00 Mastermind Five contestants compete in the fourth semi-final. (S)
8.30 Gardeners' World Joe Swift offers tips for how best to plant a tree. (S)

9.00 Land of Hope and Glory – British Country Life Jane Treays spends a year filming alongside Country Life, visiting cottages, manor houses and castles through the eyes of the magazine. (S)

10.00 Britain's Secret Slavery Business The grim realities of human exploitation and "modern-day slavery" in Britain. (S)
10.30 Newsnight (S)

11.00 Artsnight – Thurston Moore; (S) Weather (S)
11.30 FILM Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (15) Fact-based drama, starring John Cusack and Kevin Spacey. (S)

2.00 Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **3.00** Tomorrow's Food (S)(R) **3.55** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury, 8pm

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **10.30 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Jeremy Kyle's Emergency Room** The talk show host discusses people's medical issues. (S) **3.00 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Charity uses Moses to get what she wants. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Eileen discovers Michael spying on her and Phelan. (S)

8.00 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury The presenter ventures towards Cumbria's High Cup Nick. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Michael takes a swing at Phelan. (S)

9.00 Mr Selfridge Jimmy's final act has Harry reeling and the retail mogul retreats from the glare of the tabloid frenzy for the sanctuary of home. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 Benidorm Kelly announces her engagement to Mateo. (S)(R)

11.10 FILM The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) (PG) Adventure, with Roger Moore and Barbara Bach. (S)

1.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

The Last Leg, 10pm

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 Car SOS** (S)(R) **11.00 Undercover Boss Canada** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **2.10 Deal or No Deal** Beat-the-banker game show. (S) **3.10 Countdown** With Mark Foster. (S) **4.00 A New Life in the Sun** The British owners of a Spanish seafood restaurant try to recover lost business. (S) **5.00 Couples Come Dine with Me** Three couples compete for the cash prize in Marbella. (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S)
7.30 Crufts 2016 Live from the NEC in Birmingham, Clare Balding launches Channel 4's coverage of the world's largest dog event, which this year reaches its 125th anniversary. (S)

9.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)

10.00 The Last Leg Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by celebrity guests for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. (S)

11.10 Raised by Wolves Della ends up with an eviction notice. (S)(R)
11.40 Rude Tube Alex Zane presents clips of some of the most dangerous and crazy stunts on the internet. (S)(R)

12.40 Virtually Famous (S) **1.25 FILM Devil (2010) (15)** (S) **2.45** Ultimate Dealer (S)(R) **3.10** Beat My Build (S)(R) **4.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal (S)(R)

Channel 5

The Gadget Show, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff Panel discussion. **11.15 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS** A missing US Navy lieutenant's car is found covered in blood. (S)(R) **3.15 FILM Killer Date (2016) (U)** Premiere. Thriller, starring Anna Hutchinson. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** An old client of Brad's turns out to be the mysterious Chas. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Phoebe spots Kat leaving Ash's van. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 The Gadget Show Ortis and Jon take on delivery service Amazon Prime using a selection of the latest transport technology, and mobility scooter inventor Colin Furze reveals his latest projects; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Kitten Impossible Internet clips of cats performing physical feats or demonstrating lightning reactions, sporting and athletic skills, super intelligence or bravery; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 NCIS: New Orleans The team's help is called for when the Navy's finest female pilot dies at an air show while demonstrating a state-of-the-art aircraft about to be brought into service. (S)

10.00 NCIS (S)
10.55 NCIS: Los Angeles A Navy employee leaks top-secret documents and the agents have to track him down before classified information falls into the wrong hands. (S)(R)

11.55 Access Showbiz news and gossip.

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Dinner Date **7.10** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **8.00** Emmerdale **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **9.35** Catchphrase **10.15** Dinner Date **11.15** Royal Pains **12.10** Emmerdale **1.15** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45** The Ellen DeGeneres Show **2.40** Judge Rinder **3.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. **5.50** Take Me Out **7.00** You've Been Framed! Gold Top Tens **8.00** Two and a Half Men **9.00** FILM: Run Fat Boy Run (2007) (12) Romantic comedy, with Simon Pegg and Thandie Newton. **11.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **1.00** Two and a Half Men **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.55** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Doctor in the House **6.25** Heartbeat **7.25** Where the Heart Is **8.30** The Royal **9.35** Judge Judy **10.55** Wycliffe **12.00** Murder, She Wrote **1.00** Heartbeat **2.00** The Royal **3.05** Where the Heart Is **4.15** Doctor in the House **4.45** In Loving Memory **5.15** On the Buses **5.50** Heartbeat **6.55** Murder, She Wrote **7.55** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **9.00** Long Lost Family **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.20** FILM: Something's Gotta Give (2003) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton. **2.30** Long Lost Family **3.20** Rory Bremner's Great British Views **5.05** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today: Weather **7.30** Top of the Pops: 1981 **8.00** Virtuoso Violinists at the BBC **9.00** Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table **10.00** Country Kings at the BBC **11.00** Bob Harris: My Nashville **12.00** Top of the Pops: 1981 **12.40** Kenny Rogers: Cards on the Table **1.40** Bob Harris: My Nashville **2.40** Country Kings at the BBC **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Made in Chelsea **6.45** Charmed **7.35** Hollyoaks **8.05** Rules of Engagement **9.00** New Girl **10.00** Baby Daddy **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Baby Daddy **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** New Girl **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Transporter 3 (2008) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Tattoo Fixers **2.10** The Goldbergs **2.55** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.20** 2 Broke Girls **4.05** Charmed **4.50** Made in Chelsea

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.55** Come Dine with Me **11.00** Four in a Bed **1.40** Come Dine with Me **4.20** The Supervet **5.25** Dogs: Their Secret Lives **6.30** Crufts 2016 with Claire Balding **7.30** Grand Designs **9.00** Spin **10.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **2.20** The Good Wife **3.15** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Frogmen (1951) (U) Second World War thriller, starring Richard Widmark. **1.00** The Yellow Mountain (1954) (PG) Western, starring Howard Duff. **2.35** Guadalcanal Diary (1943) (PG) Second World War drama, starring Preston Foster. **4.25** The Sons of Katie Elder (1965) (U) Western, starring John Wayne. **6.45** The Company Men (2010) (15) Drama, starring Ben Affleck. **9.00** Bullet to the Head (2012) (15) Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **10.45** Kill List (2011) (18) Thriller, starring Neil Maskell. **12.35** Sightseers (2012) (15) Comedy horror, starring Alice Lowe and Steve Oram. **2.15** A Field in England (2013) (15) Civil War horror, starring Reece Shearsmith. **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 Storage Hunters **7.25** Ice Road Truckers **8.10** American Pickers **9.00** Mock the Week **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** MegaTruckers **1.00** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** American Pickers **3.00** Mock the Week **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Mock the Week **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Ice Road Truckers **9.00** Dangerman: The Incredible Mr Goodwin **10.00** Mock the Week **11.20** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.20** QI **3.00** Only Connect **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Sunrise **9.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** The Holidaymakers **4.00** Futurama **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Dogs Might Fly **9.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **10.00** Stella **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Road Wars **2.00** Night Cops **3.00** Stargate SG-1

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Fish Town **8.00** House **10.00** The West Wing **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00** Cold Case **1.00** Without a Trace **2.00** Urban Secrets **3.00** House **5.00** The West Wing **6.00** Blue Bloods **7.00** Cold Case **8.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.20** The Wire **1.50** The Sopranos **3.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Fish Town

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Saturday March 12th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Casualty, 9.35pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking** (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 Bargain Hunt** From Shepton Mallet Antiques Fair, Somerset. (S)(R) **2.00 Homes Under the Hammer** The team assess properties in Newcastle, Leyton and Gainsborough. (S)(R) **3.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.45 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.00 BBC News** (S) **5.10 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **5.20 Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup** Everton v Chelsea (kick-off 5.30pm). (S)

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7.30 The Voice UK Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson begin the process of whittling their teams of eight down to three as the knock-out stage of the contest begins. (S)

8

8.45 The National Lottery: Win Your Wish List Retired publicans from Essex seek to win items from their personal wish-list. (S)

9

9.35 Casualty Lofty is called to face the consequences of his actions in a hearing. (S)

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10.25 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.45 Match of the Day Highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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11.30 FILM The Ring (2002) (15) A journalist investigates teenage deaths linked to a videotape, which is rumoured to cause the demise of anyone who watches it. Horror, with Naomi Watts. (S)

AFTER 12

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Queen Victoria's Children, 6.30pm

6.15 Animal Park (S)(R) **7.10 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **8.10 FILM Station West (1948) (PG)** (S) **9.40 FILM The Master of Ballantrae (1953) (PG)** (S) **11.10 Natural World** (S)(R) **12.00 Rick Stein's India** (S)(R) **1.00 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM An Ideal Husband (1999) (PG)** Oscar Wilde comedy drama, starring Cate Blanchett. (S) **3.30 Coast** (S)(R) **4.15 The TV That Made Me** (S)(R) **5.00 Big Dreams Small Spaces** Monty Don helps amateur horticulturists in Bromley and Stoke. (S)(R) **6.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **6.30 Queen Victoria's Children** (S)(R)

7.30 Back in Time for the Weekend The Ashby-Hawkins family discovers what the future might hold for people's free time, and get their hands on some robotic housework help. Last in the series. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army The platoon camps on a firing range. (S)(R)

9.00 Stag Johnners' stags have been reduced to four, and the survivors realise they must make a final stand if they are to avoid sharing their friends' grisly fate. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 FILM The Talented Mr Ripley (1999) (15) A man is paid to persuade a businessman's spoiled son to return home to his family, but ends up assuming his identity. Anthony Minghella's thriller, with Matt Damon. (S)

11.30 Line of Duty (S)(R) **1.10** Line of Duty (S)(R) **2.10 FILM The Salton Sea (2002) (18)** Crime thriller, starring Val Kilmer. (S) **3.45** This Is BBC Two (S) **5.45** Great British Garden Revival (S)(R)

ITV

Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! (S) **7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series** (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Jessie** (S) **9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show** (S)(R) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA** (S) **11.20 ITV News;** (S) ITV Regional News. (S) **11.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** (S) **3.25 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** England v Wales (kick-off 4.00pm). (S) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway Mel B interviews dogsitters in I'm a Celebrity, Get Out of Me Ear!, Little Ant and Dec chat to the stars of The Hunger Games, and Craig David joins the duo for a big finale. (S)

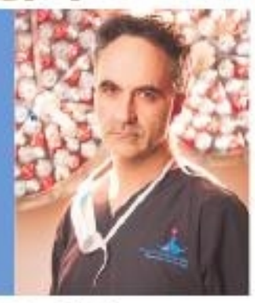
8.30 You're Back in the Room New series. Phillip Schofield returns with the game show in which five strangers are hypnotised by Keith Barry, then asked to complete simple tasks in the hope of winning £25,000. (S)

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show Actress Glenn Close, comedy actor and writer Marlon Wayans and X-Files star Gillian Anderson take a seat on Jonathan's sofa. Plus, music by US country singer Carrie Underwood. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 FILM Moonraker (1979) (PG) Spy adventure, with Roger Moore and Lois Chiles. (S)

1.20 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4


Crufts 2016, 7pm

6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **6.40 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **7.30 MSA British Rally Championship** (S) **7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** Alice Plunkett presents from Sandown Park. (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **11.00 The Superhumans Show** (S) **11.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD** Ward's campaign for revenge strikes a devastating blow. (S) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Sandown Park and Wolverhampton. (S) **4.10 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.35 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Crufts 2016 Clare Balding is joined by Supervet Professor Noel Fitzpatrick on the third day of the annual dog show, covering judging in the Working and Pastoral groups. (S)

9.00 Lee Evans – Monsters The energetic stand-up star rails against the annoyances of modern life in a performance recorded at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham in 2014. (S)

10.00 FILM Riddick (2013) (15) Premiere. A fugitive left for dead on a dangerous alien world lures bounty hunters to the planet in a plot to escape. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel and Katee Sackhoff. (S)

12.20 FILM Kick-Ass (2010) (15) Action comedy, starring Aaron Taylor-Johnson. (S) **2.25** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.30** Ultimate Dealer (S)(R) **4.55** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb (S)(R) **5.50** How I Met Your Mother (S)(R)

Channel 5

The Championship: Football League Tonight, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 8.45 The Fairly OddParents (S) **9.20 The Saturday Show Live** (S) **11.20 Police Interceptors** Damo Stevens pursues a heroin dealer. (S)(R) **1.15 Pets Who Hate Vets** (S)(R) **2.15 Psycho Pussies: When Cats Attack** The wild and dangerous side of the domestic cat. (S)(R) **3.15 90 Cats and Counting: Cat Crazies** People who have taken their devotion to their feline friends to the next level. (S)(R) **4.15 Kitten Impossible** (S)(R) **5.10 41 Dogs in a 3-Bed Semi** Animal lovers whose affection has reached extreme levels. (S)(R) **6.10 Now That's Funny!** (S)(R)

7.10 5 News Weekend (S)
7.15 World War II in Colour The final days of Hitler and the Third Reich. (S)(R)

8.10 The Gadget Show Ortis and John examine the latest transport technology. (S)(R)

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, including Huddersfield Town v Burnley. (S)

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight Action from League One and League Two. (S)
10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Stabler and Benson investigate the death of a 17-year-old girl. (S)(R)

11.20 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A wealthy couple are found dead. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Police Interceptors (S)(R) **4.00** Carry on Caravanning (S)(R) **4.50** Divine Designs (S)(R) **5.20** HouseBusters (S)(R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Vamps: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **8.45** Coronation Street **11.10** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.45** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **1.40** Scorpion **2.35** FILM: Nancy Drew (2007) (PG) Detective adventure, starring Emma Roberts and Rachael Leigh Cook. **4.40** Catchphrase **5.45** FILM: Legally Blonde (2001) (12) A dizzy teenager enrols at Harvard to try to prove to her ex-boyfriend that she is not stupid, but finds herself out of her depth. Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon and Luke Wilson. **7.40** FILM: Back to the Future Part III (1990) (PG) Time-travelling teenager Marty McFly is transported back to the Wild West to save his scientist friend from death. Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd. **10.00** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **10.30** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** Ibiza Weekender **1.50** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **2.40** Rixton: The Hot Desk **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 FILM: Swallows and Amazons (1974) (U) Family adventure, starring Virginia McKenna. **7.35** Where the Heart Is **9.50** Wycliffe **10.50** Lewis **6.55** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.05** Blue Murder **2.25** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Human Planet **8.00** Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **9.00** Trapped **10.40** From Andy Pandy to Zebedee: The Golden Age of Children's TV **11.40** Duets at the BBC **12.40** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **1.40** Top of the Pops: 1981 **2.55** Virtuoso Violinists at the BBC **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rules of Engagement **6.50** How I Met Your Mother **7.40** Baby Daddy **8.35** Melissa & Joey **9.30** How I Met Your Mother **10.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **11.30** The Jump: The Final **1.05** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Limitless (2011) (15) A failed writer acquires a drug that increases his brain power, but his new abilities attract dangerous attention. Sci-fi thriller, starring Bradley Cooper and Robert De Niro. **11.05** Tattoo Fixers **12.05** Gogglebox **2.15** The 100 **3.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.45** Rules of Engagement **4.55** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.25** Come Dine with Me **11.55** Four in a Bed **2.35** Vet on the Hill **3.40** Dogs: Their Secret Lives **6.55** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **8.00** Japan's Tsunami: Caught on Camera **9.25** Japan's Tsunami: How It Happened **10.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **11.35** Japan's Tsunami: Caught on Camera **1.00** Japan's Tsunami: How It Happened **2.05** Spin **3.15** River Cottage Bites **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 New in Town (2009) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Renee Zellweger. **1.00** Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) Family comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson. **3.00** Five Children and It (2004) (U) Children's fantasy, with Kenneth Branagh. **4.45** Home Alone 3 (1997) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Alex D Linz. **6.55** Admission (2013) (12) Comedy drama, starring Tina Fey. **9.00** 2 Guns (2013) (15) Two undercover agents become fugitives after a disastrous sting, but each thinks the other is a real criminal. Action adventure, with Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg. **11.10** Magic Magic (2013) (15) Premiere. Premiere. A woman suffers from insomnia while on holiday in Chile, causing her grip on reality to weaken as she succumbs to paranoia. Thriller, with Juno Temple and Michael Cera. **1.15** Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) (18) Fantasy horror prequel, starring Michael Sheen. **3.05** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Top Gear **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** American Pickers **4.00** Top Gear **5.00** Blackadder Goes Forth **7.00** Dangerman: The Incredible Mr Goodwin **8.00** QI **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **1.00** QI XL **2.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.00** Only Connect **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Ashley Banjo's Big Town Dance **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** Monkey Life **1.00** Modern Family **3.00** Futurama **5.30** The Simpsons **6.00** The Flash **7.00** Hawaii Five-0 **8.00** Arrow **9.00** Limitless **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **12.00** FILM: Cellular (2004) (15) Thriller, starring Kim Basinger. **2.00** Strike Back: Project Dawn **4.00** Emergency Abroad **5.00** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The Guest Wing **8.00** Cold Case **11.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.40** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.15** Girls **12.50** The Sopranos **1.55** Bored to Death **4.00** The Guest Wing

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Sunday March 13th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Live Six Nations Rugby Union, **2pm**

6.00 Breakfast (S) **8.15 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** The week's talking points. (S) **10.00 The Big Questions** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** Presented by Andrew Neil. (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 The TV That Made Me** (S) **2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union** Scotland v France (kick-off 3.00pm). (S) **5.05 Songs of Praise** Josie d'Arby visits Birmingham Children's Hospital. (S) **5.40 Pointless Celebrities** Guests include Ben Cohen, Patrick Baladi and Ricky Groves. (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

7.00 Countryfile Adam Henson visits Aberystwyth University to meet students who are working towards a career in farming, and takes a look at some features on young farmers from past episodes. (S)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow An episode focused on Indian art and culture from the Neasden Temple in North London, revealing the connections between British and Indian history. (S)

9.00 The Night Manager Pine gets involved in an arms deal, but his relationship with Jed jeopardises his cover. Burr begins to suspect that Roper has been buying arms from the British government. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Highlights of Aston Villa v Tottenham Hotspur. (S)

11.00 Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights Including Manchester United v West Ham United. (S)
11.30 FILM It's a Wonderful Afterlife (2010) (12) Comedy, starring Shabana Azmi. (S)

AFTER 12

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)
1.10 BBC News (S)

BBC2

Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge, **8pm**

6.45 An Island Parish (S)(R) **7.15 This Farming Life** (S)(R) **8.15 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **11.45 Winter Youth Olympic Games** (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **2.00 Escape to the Continent** (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Strictly Ballroom (1992) (PG)** Australian dance comedy, starring Paul Mercurio. (S) **4.30 Gymnastics World Cup** Highlights of the penultimate meeting of the season from Glasgow. (S) **6.00 Flog It!** Paul Martin presents. (S)(R)

7.00 Who's the Boss? The business documentary concludes as James Watt, co-founder of craft beer brewery BrewDog, conducts a recruitment experiment with the help of his workforce. (S)(R)

8.00 Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge The naturalist joins a party of cavers exploring the caverns within the mountains, before returning to the ground by abseiling down the world's highest waterfall. (S)

9.00 Let's Play Darts for Sport Relief 2016 Gabby Logan hosts the final of the darts challenge, while the professional and celebrity players who took part in the earlier rounds look back on the tournament. (S)

10.00 Thirteen Ivy is put under pressure to relive her ordeal, but her responses make Merchant suspicious that she is lying. She turns to Tim for support, only to suffer a crushing betrayal. (S)

11.00 The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story (S)(R)
11.50 FILM The Magdalene Sisters (2002) (15) Drama, starring Geraldine McEwan, Anne-Marie Duff and Eileen Walsh. (S)

1.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.40** Holby City (S)(R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands, **7pm**

7.35 Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series (S)(R) **7.50 Scrambled!: Horrid Henry** (S)(R) **8.10 Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters** (S) **8.30 Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **9.05 Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show** (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News** (S) **9.30 Formula E Highlights** (S) **10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.40 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **1.45 River Monsters** (S)(R) **2.45 Big Star's Little Star** (S)(R) **3.45 Off Their Rockers** (S)(R) **4.15 FILM For Your Eyes Only (1981) (PG)** (S) **6.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands Rheda escapes from her captors, only to find that Abrecan's army is closing in on her kingdom. She realises she must make a great sacrifice to persuade an old foe to help her. (S)

8.00 The Story of Cats How cats went from wild predators to domestic pets, exploring why humans are inclined to find kittens cute and how future generations of cats may lose their hunting instincts. (S)

9.00 Doctor Thorne Sir Roger falls seriously ill and Dr Thorne feels certain that he will soon die. His son comes to see him, and to the doctor's horror, takes an immediate liking to Mary. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.15 Houdini & Doyle Arthur Conan Doyle and Harry Houdini help police investigate the case of a nun allegedly killed by a ghost. Murder mystery, with Stephen Mangan and Michael Weston. (S)

11.15 Six Nations Highlights Action from the fourth round of the championship, with highlights of England v Wales at Twickenham, Ireland v Italy and Scotland v France. (S)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Secret Life of the Zoo, **6pm**

6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **6.40 The King of Queens** (S)(R) **7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** Raleigh Ritchie performs his single Bloodsport. (S) **12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (2012) (U)** (S) **3.20 FILM Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) (PG)** Fantasy adventure, starring Logan Lerman. (S) **5.40 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo** Cameras follow Chester Zoo's four new fledgling Humboldt penguins. (S) (R)

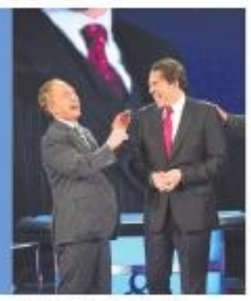
7.00 Crufts 2016 Clare Balding hosts coverage of the final day of the dog show, including the winner of the Friends for Life competition and the announcement of Best in Show. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 Indian Summers New series. The British viceroy is seriously injured in a terrorist attack. Aafrin is suspected of being involved and tries to keep his double life as a nationalist spy a secret. (S)

10.00 FILM Slumdog Millionaire (2008) (15) An impoverished Indian teenager accused of cheating on a quiz show tells the police his eventful life story. Danny Boyle's Oscar-winning drama, with Dev Patel. (S)

12.20 The Last Leg (S)(R) **1.20** Embarrassing Bodies Down Under (S)(R) **2.15** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.40** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.10** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.40** Come Dine with Me (S)(R)

Channel 5


Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas, **8pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents (S) **10.30 The Championship: Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **11.30 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **12.00 FILM Zathura: A Space Adventure (2005) (PG)** Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson and Jonah Bobo. (S) **2.00 FILM Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (2011) (PG)** Comedy, with Martin Lawrence. (S) **4.15 FILM Flubber (1997) (U)** Children's comedy remake, starring Robin Williams. (S) **6.00 Now That's Funny!** Internet-sourced videos with an amusing family friendly hook. (S)

7.00 Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud Compilation of internet videos featuring the antics of budgies and other birds, from flying fails to performing parrots and real-life angry birds. (S)

8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us in Vegas Simon Pegg takes part in an illusion involving a wind-up watch. (S)
8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 FILM Jonah Hex (2010) (15) Premiere. A horribly disfigured bounty hunter able to communicate with the dead pursues the man who killed his family. Fantasy Western, starring Josh Brolin. (S)

10.20 FILM Angels & Demons (2009) (12) Academic adventurer Robert Langdon is called in by the Vatican to search for four kidnapped men in line to become Pope. Thriller sequel, starring Tom Hanks. (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Ultimate You've Been Framed **6.50** Emmerdale **9.30** Coronation Street **11.55** Take Me Out **12.55** FILM: Nancy Drew (2007) (PG) Mystery, starring Emma Roberts, Tate Donovan and Max Thieriot. **3.00** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton and Liv Tyler. **5.05** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **6.45** FILM: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous (2005) (12) An FBI public relations officer defies orders and goes back undercover to find her kidnapped friends. Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock, Regina King and William Shatner. **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **10.30** Bordertown **11.00** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.55** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Judge Judy **6.40** On the Buses **7.40** A Touch of Frost **9.45** Heartbeat **11.50** Wycliffe **12.55** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Carry On Forever **10.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **11.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond **12.00** Like Father, Like Son **2.45** May the Best House Win **4.25** On the Buses **5.20** Judge Judy **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Jigs & Wigs: The Extreme World of Irish Dancing **7.30** What Do Artists Do All Day? **8.00** Pappano's Classical Voices **9.00** Horizon: Secrets of the Solar System **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** FILM: In the House (2012) (15) Premiere. Drama, starring Fabrice Luchini. **12.10** Len Goodman's Big Band Bonanza **1.10** A Blackpool Big Band Boogie: Jools Holland and His Rhythm & Blues Orchestra **2.10** The Story of British Pathe **3.10** What Do Artists Do All Day? **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.50** Rules of Engagement **8.05** Baby Daddy **9.00** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** The Goldbergs **2.30** FILM: Big (1988) (12) A boy is magically transported into the body of a 30-year-old man and applies his childlike enthusiasm to the problems of adult life. Comedy, with Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins. **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **12.00** Rude Tube **1.10** Virtually Famous **2.00** The Aliens **2.55** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.40** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.20** Discovering Britain **10.20** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **11.25** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Million Pound Motors **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Embarrassing Bodies **1.15** Car SOS **2.15** Thicker Than Water **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Million Pound Note (1954) (U) Comedy, starring Gregory Peck. **1.00** Aliens in the Attic (2009) (PG) Children's sci-fi comedy, starring Carter Jenkins. **2.40** Unidentified Flying Oddball (1979) (U) Disney family adventure, starring Dennis Dugan. **4.30** Rat Race (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **6.50** The Three Musketeers (2011) (12) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Logan Lerman. **9.00** A Good Day to Die Hard (2013) (12) John McClane goes to Moscow and helps his CIA agent son stop the Russian Mob from stealing nuclear weapons. Action adventure sequel, with Bruce Willis and Jai Courtney. **10.50** Pusher (2012) (18) Crime thriller remake, starring Richard Coyle. **12.35** Underworld: Awakening (2012) (18) Action fantasy, starring Kate Beckinsale. **2.15** Adam & Paul (2004) (15) Comedy drama, starring Mark O'Halloran and Tom Murphy. **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.15 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.05** Traffic Cops **10.05** FILM: Hellfighters (1968) (PG) Adventure, starring John Wayne. **12.30** Top Gear **1.30** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** Blackadder Goes Forth **4.00** Red Dwarf **6.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Parks and Recreation **12.00** Room 101 **1.20** Mock the Week **2.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **3.00** Only Connect **3.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue **8.00** Monkey Life **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **1.00** Modern Family **2.00** Futurama **4.00** Modern Family **6.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Dogs Might Fly **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** Air Ambulance ER **1.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets **2.00** The Force: Manchester **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** Emergency Abroad **5.00** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **2.00** Without a Trace **6.00** Cold Case **9.00** Vinyl **10.10** The Pacific **12.20** The Sopranos **1.25** Togetherness **2.00** The Knick **3.00** Vinyl **4.10** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer

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Bob Dylan tribute

ONE of the UK's leading Bob Dylan tribute bands will be performing at The Phoenix Theatre in Bordon on Saturday, March 19.

The Bob Dylan Experience will play some of the most recognisable Dylan hits which will include tracks such as 'Like A Rolling Stone', 'Blowin' In The Wind', and 'Subterranean Homesick Blues'.

"Bob Dylan fans are very loyal," bassist and co-founder of the band Steve Heath told the Observer.

"Many have followed him from the early part of his career, others who are younger are still discovering his vast back catalogue and his influence on modern music and popular culture.

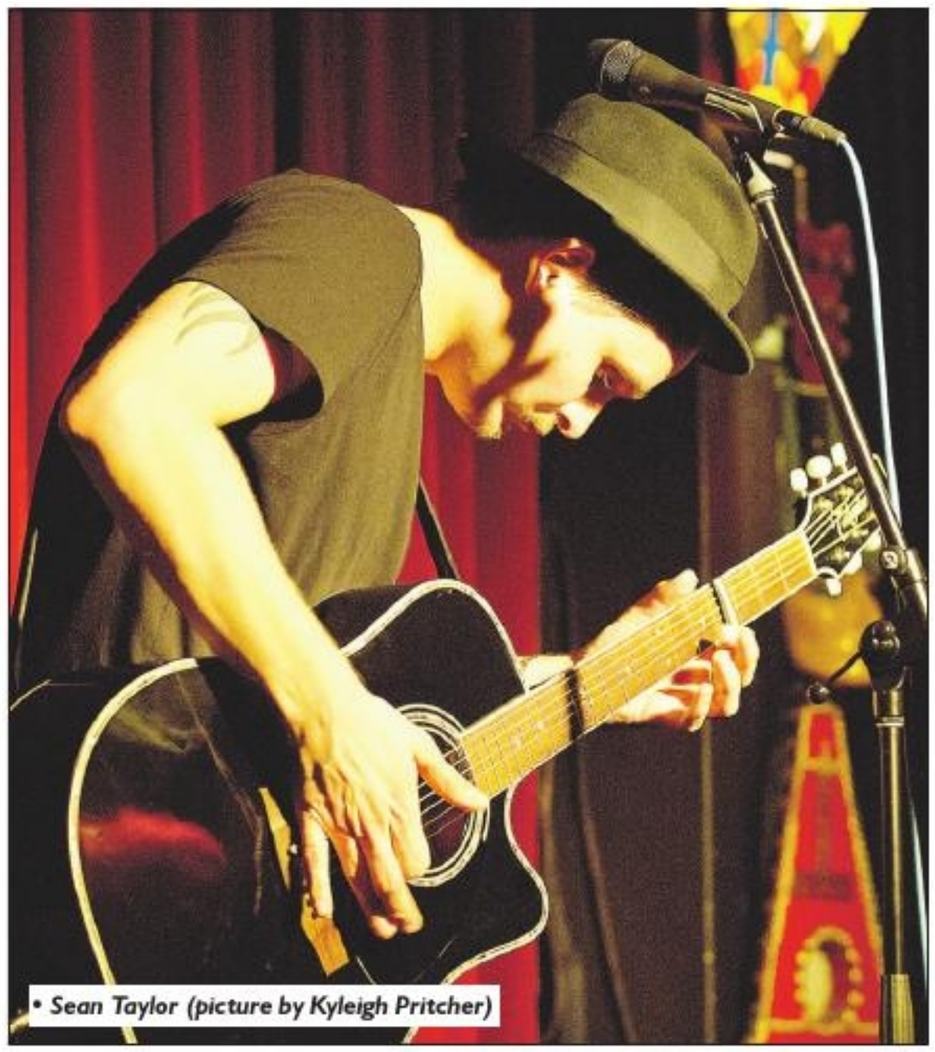
"So when we play to the fans, it is like a family event."

After the gig on Saturday, the group will travel back to their home town of Kent to perform a number of shows.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10.

• Steve Heath

Taylor-made blues tracks



• Sean Taylor (picture by Kyleigh Pritcher)

By **James Richings**

FOLLOWING the release of his latest album 'The Only Good Addiction Is Love', roots and blues musician Sean Taylor comes to The Forge in Basingstoke on Friday, March 11.

With Basingstoke the last stop on his UK tour, Sean is hoping to make a good impression when he visits the Churchill Way venue tomorrow night.

"The title of the album comes from the former president of Uruguay, a man named Pepe who was described as the poorest president in the world," Sean told the Observer.

"He gave 90 per cent of his salary to charity, refused to live in the presidential palace and instead lived on a farm with his wife and three-legged dog.

"Pepe famously said 'The Only Good Addiction Is Love', and I thought that was beautiful."

Playing in a trio with fellow musicians Hana Piranha on violin and drummer Paulina Szczepaniak, Sean will focus on playing tracks not just from his latest album but also his previous seven.

It was in his teenage years that saw Sean develop a love for music.

After being inspired by Noel Gallagher's music and writing skills in his Oasis days, Sean started to learn the guitar before discovering the late-1960s blues scene.

That discovery has played a huge part in Sean's current musical influence, which has seen him become a popular name on the blues scene in the UK.

After completing his 11-date UK tour, the 32-year-old will then head to Europe to perform gigs in Spain, Holland and Germany.

"Every gig is always different and I never write a set list, which makes it even more exciting," Sean said.

"You have to react to the audience at every show and make it different.

"There will be bluesy, folk, psychedelic and low-fi songs about the world around us."

He added: "I travelled to Austin, Texas, for the first time in 2010 and recorded the first of three albums.

"That was a big moment and brought my music to a lot of people.

"And it is important for every age group to watch and support live music.

"It is especially important for youngsters to watch live music, as the world we live in is dominated by instant technology.

"Live music is something that resonates long after the moment itself."

Tickets cost £12.50 or £14.40, and the show starts at 7.45pm.

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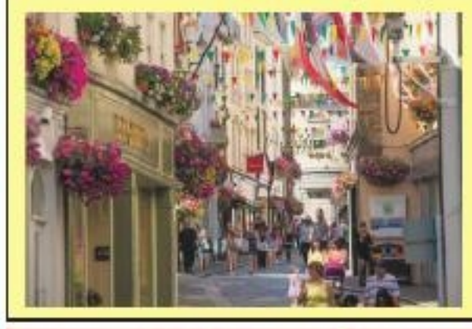

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Singing with the Stealers

By **James Richings**

COVERS band Stealers Bluff will be performing a medley of hits at the Fox and Hounds pub in Fleet on Friday, March 18.

The four-piece group, fronted by lead singer Carolyn Mullen, will play a variety of songs from artists and bands including Lady Gaga, The Beatles and Dusty Springfield.

"It is great to see people enjoying themselves on a dance floor and getting absorbed in the music," Carolyn told the Observer.

"Seeing happy smiling faces is a sign that we are playing the right music.

"The audience can expect covers from the 1950s to the present day and there is something to suit all ages and get people on the dance floor."

Based in Guildford, the band performs regularly to audiences across the south of England.

"The band started in 2005 but was a different line up," Carolyn added.

We have all always loved music and it has been a big influence in our lives.

"And it is important for young people to go to gigs and listen to live music.

"For some it is just to socialise but for others to get the inspiration to want to perform themselves."

The gig is free and starts at 8.30pm.

• *Stealers Bluff in action with Carolyn Mullen (centre)*

Dan's the man

DAN McHugh heads to Hook with his original Irish roots tracks on Friday, March 18.

Performing at the Old White Hart, Dan will be playing some traditional tunes, and admitted that his gig next week came along by chance.

"I happened to be passing through Hook one sunny Saturday afternoon last summer and had lunch in this pub," he said.

"I noticed they were advertising some live music acts, so I passed my card on, they liked what they heard/saw and pencilled me in for this date.

"I am looking forward to it."

Dan's first record 'Reminiscing' proved to be a popular hit with fans, but it's live performances that Dan relishes.

"When I first started out gigging there would have been gigs where I could have counted attendance with one hand," he said.

"However, it is the nights where the audience are dancing, singing along and cheering that make this one of the most rewarding jobs in the world."

"When I get a round of applause or see people dancing to my self-written songs especially, it gives me goosebumps as something I created is bringing joy to others."

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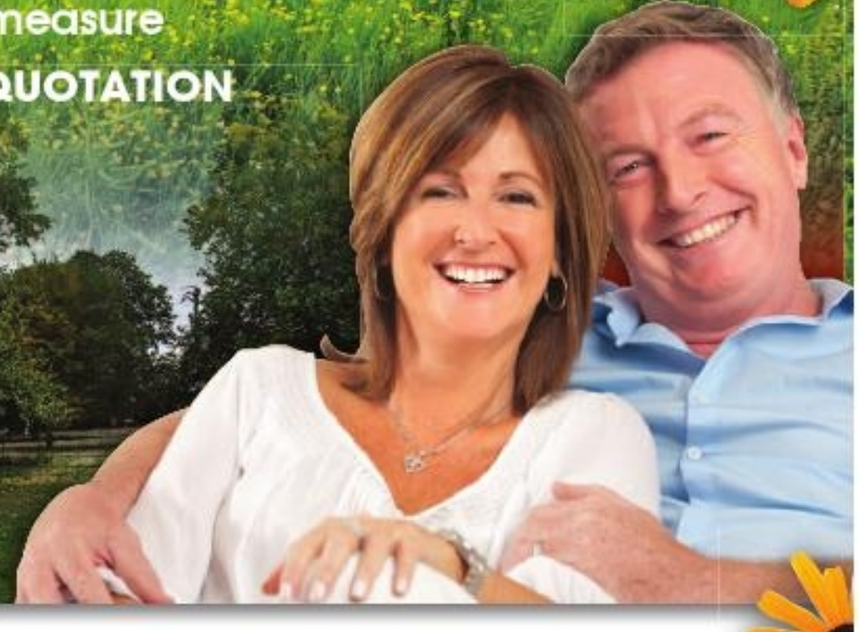

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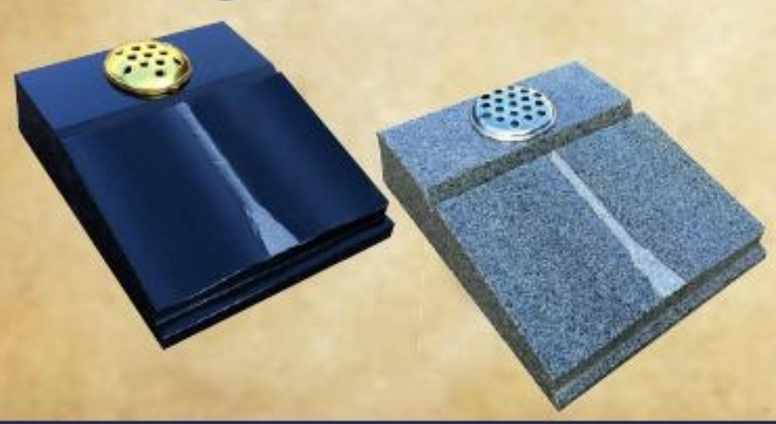

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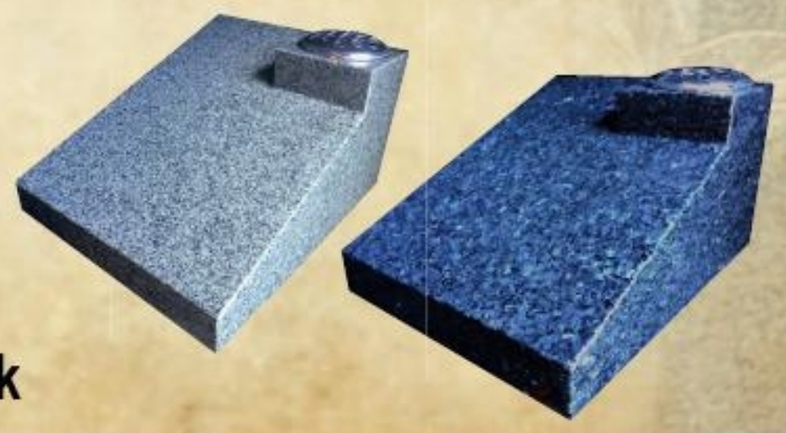

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By **Anthony Yates**

I will start by saying that space is king, and the Picasso really should be the one to beat when it comes to comfort and space.

The C4 Picasso range comes with an array of petrol and diesel engines but the one in my test car was the peachy three-cylinder, 1,199 cc turbo-charged unit. Max power for this unit is130hp @ 5,500rpm and 230Nm (170lbft) of torque.

Fuel consumption is also good, with a combined figure of 56.5mpg. This is the model from the range I would choose because it's free revving and very willing.

The Picasso's ride is better than most and it handles with a good sense of control.

I have said many times that some MPVs are top heavy and slow, but the Picasso feels nimble. I used to own a Vauxhall Zafira and the road noise on that was terrible, but the Picasso is very quiet and you will not need the radio at maximum volume to drown out the road noise.

Citroën has been making big changes on quality and this shows in the interior design. Some of the layout is not great and I don't like how some of the controls feel, being a bit of a stretch to reach, but all in all it is a practical and thoughtfully designed family car.

Standard equipment is good and many of the range will have a 7in touch screen interface, USB Bluetooth with media streaming, air conditioning, auto activation of lights and wipers and a DAB radio and six speakers. Space in the rear is good and the boot is huge with 537 litres (seats up) and 1,851 litres (seats lowered).

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Yet more misery for Town

BASINGSTOKE Town are now eight points from safety with just 10 matches left to play after another dispiriting loss on Saturday.

By **Christian Wilson**

A familiar poor second half performance saw the Dragons lose 3-1 at high-flyers Maidstone United to leave them rock bottom of the National League South.

The defeat was Town's 18th in the league this season and came after defender Jack Deaman's fine header midway through the first half ensured his side were level at half time.

Basingstoke went into the weekend on the back of a truly remarkable 4-4 draw at Wealdstone seven days earlier that saw Michael Gilkes' team throw away a two-goal lead late on.

And the visitors looked to still be smarting from that collapse at the Gallagher Stadium as they fell behind after four minutes.

Maidstone midfielder Jack Paxman found Charles Banya wide on the left, with the winger's dangerous cross forcing Jay Gasson to clear on the stretch straight into the path of James Rogers to stroke the ball home from the edge of the box.

'Stoke striker Liam Enver-Marum then flashed a shot from the right just wide of the far post in a rare attack for Basingstoke.

Deaman had to sprint back to his goal to clear off the line soon after Dumebi Dumaka had prodded the ball past keeper Aaron Howe, before Joe Healy then headed over from close range.

And Maidstone were immediately made to rue their missed opportunities as Town scored on 25 minutes after Enver-Marum's drive was deflected over.

James Harper's inswinging corner then fell straight onto the head of the advancing Jack Deaman to find the net for the second game in a row.

After soaking up so much pressure, Basingstoke should have gone ahead four minutes before half-time as a great control and cross from Reece Connolly found Manny Williams six yards out, but the striker somehow lifted his effort over.

But Dumaka showed no such hesitation in front of goal when he was played through two minutes after the break, with the striker slotting past Howe to give his side the lead.

The stopper made a tremendous one-handed save to deny Dumaka's dipping volley minutes later, before then undoing his good work on the hour mark by wiping out Banya in the box to give away a penalty.

And after several minutes of treatment for the concussed winger, Vas Karagiannis kept his cool to fire the spot kick low into the left corner.

Connolly and substitute Chris Flood then both came close as Basingstoke looked to pull a goal back, but it wasn't to be as Town were sent home with nothing.

The Dragons' next league game is at home to Havant and Waterlooville on Saturday, who beat Town 2-0 in their Hampshire Senior Cup semi final tie on Tuesday night.

• Basingstoke Town suffered their 18th league loss of the season at Maidstone United on Saturday

Final day form helps Rose

A STRONG final day showing helped Justin Rose salvage a respectable result at the WGC-Cadillac Championship last week.

The North Hampshire golfer shot a five-under-par round on Sunday to claim a tie for 17th spot at Trump National Doral in Miami.

Rose's final day saw him nearly repeat his 16th place finish two weeks earlier at the Northern Trust Open in California.

But this feat did not look to be on the cards after a shocking Thursday for the world number eight, that saw him shoot two bogeys and a double bogey at the 17th to finish the day on 75 (+3).

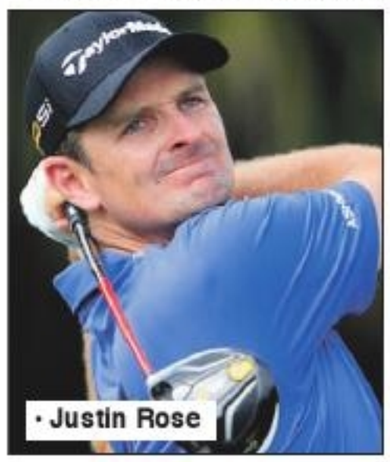
Things didn't get much better for an ill Rose the next day, as he set the tone with another double bogey on the second hole, and followed this up with bogeys at 4 and 16 to finish one-over par.

The former Robert May's School pupil managed to avoid claiming a hat-trick of double bogeys on Saturday however, as he showed some extremely inconsistent form.

Rose mixed birdies at 1, 5, 8, 10 and 16 with four bogeys on the back nine to finish the day on level par and well out of contention.

But with nothing to lose on day four, the 35-year-old showed his class to card a five-under-par score with a total of six birdies at 3, 4, 8, 10, 12 and 16.

The final day revival helped Rose end the tournament with a final score of one-under par.



• Justin Rose

Knockout night as England beat Germany

ENGLAND took on Germany on Friday at Basingstoke Deane Rotary Club's annual International Boxing Night.

Around 350 guests attended the charity event at The Hampshire Court Hotel in Chineham to see seven fights between some of the finest young fighters in either country.

And England's boxers emerged victorious with five wins to two to send the fans home happy, with Carl Fail claiming the Best Boxer award for his win over Germany's Agon Gashi in the 69kg bout.

The 16th annual event saw five male fights and two female bouts, with the majority of the £6,000 raised from the night going towards Basingstoke organisation Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Rotary Club president Paul Temple said: "This was another excellent Rotary Boxing event, and my fellow Rotarians and I are delighted that all this money was raised for local good causes."

He continued: "I would like to thank England Boxing and their German counterparts for providing the talented boxers who put on such a great evening of entertainment."

Sport Bites

League leaders

HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club's Ladies 1sts moved clear at the top of the South Women's League Division 3B on Saturday after securing their 12th victory in a row.

A brace from Roxy O'Dea and goals from Catriona Bausor, Ruth Crawford and Annalise Whitehead helped 'Stoke to a 5-0 win over Andover Ladies 1sts at Down Grange.

Basingstoke are next in action this Saturday when they travel to Surbiton Ladies 3rds.

Bounced back

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies bounced back from their heavy defeat to title rivals Oxford City to win in the league on Sunday.

Lauren Butler scored the only goal as 'Stoke saw off Marlow Ladies at Winklebury Football Complex.

The result leaves Basingstoke in second place in the Southern Region Women's Football League (SRWFL) Premier Division, six points behind Oxford, but with three games in hand.

Derby defeat

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC lost their six pointer against fellow South West Two strugglers Andover on Saturday.

Gareth Hatherley-Hurford's side lost 38-7 to their Hampshire rivals to leave them all but relegated.

Positive showing

CHEERLEADING: Basingstoke Wolverines had a weekend to remember during the club's first competition of the season at the Copperbox Arena in London.

The Wolverines took three teams to Legacy Cheer & Dance on February 28, with their five-11 year-old Mystique squad finishing third in the Youth Level 1 Medium competition.

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Inside: Second half collapse costs Dragons | Rose salvages result on final day | Hockey ladies move clear at the top of the league

Herd only two victories away from their first EPL title

BRILLIANT BISON BATTER PIRATES

BASINGSTOKE Bison produced a perfect 10 performance on Saturday to once again underline their title credentials.

By **Christian Wilson**

A first Herd hat-trick for Declan Balmer helped the English Premier League (EPL) leaders to a scintillating 10-0 win over Hull Pirates.

The visitors arrived at the Basingstoke Arena fighting for their league survival but were flattened from the first buzzer by a rampant Stampede side.

Victory means that Doug Sheppard's side are now just two more wins away from guaranteeing their first EPL title – with only four matches remaining.

But Aaron Connolly and co looked eager to get their names on the trophy even sooner, as the Bison skipper gave his side the lead on 2:20 after combining with Joe Baird and Rene Jarolin.

Less than two minutes later, the hosts made it two, with Balmer claiming his first goal of the night with a smart finish past Ashley Smith.

And the Pirates netminder was left with his head in his hands on 5:39, as Jarolin claimed his third assist to feed Alan Lack to score.

After such a fast start, it was almost surprising that it took the Bison another 10 minutes to find the net again, with that man Lack on hand once again to convert following a smart interchange between Shaun Thompson and Matt Towalski.

Basingstoke maintained their clinical finishing after the first break, with Balmer capitalising on his side's first powerplay of the match to fire the puck home from the blue line on 27:18.

A botched pass from Smith then went straight to Tomas Karpov soon after, and the star forward showed great composure to play in Ciaran Long to net his side's sixth goal.

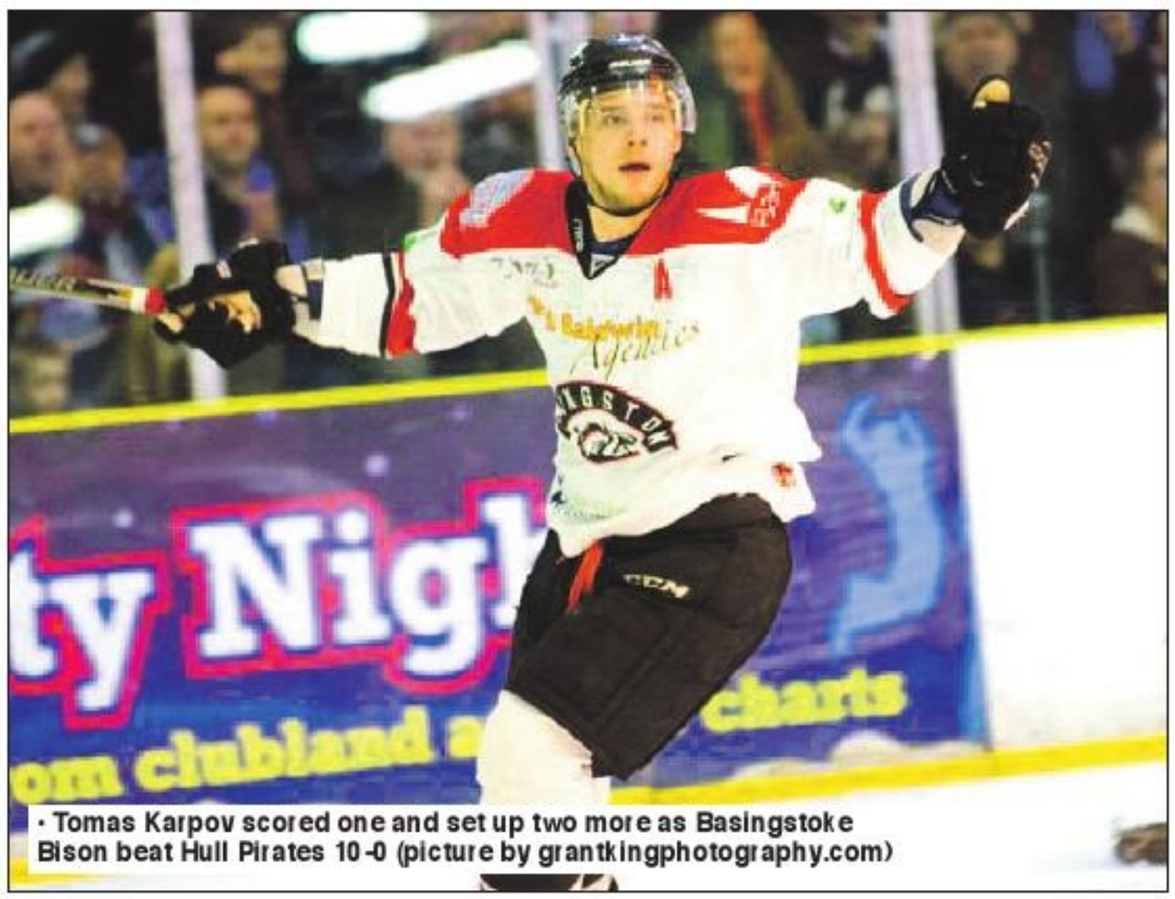
Towalski netted with a fantastic wrist shot on 33:55 to cause Hull stopper Smith to be put out of his misery and benched, with Martins Raitums coming on in his place.

And Karpov did not give the newcomer any time to settle as he fired between Raitums' legs to make it 8-0 on 35:03.

Bison also handed some time on the ice to back-up stopper Daniel Weller-Evans for the final period, after another strong display from Jon Baston helped the Herd claim the shut out.

Joe Greener skated in at the back post to fire home from close range on 43:29, before Balmer then put the icing on the cake five minutes from time to claim his hat-trick and move his side into double figures.

Basingstoke will be hoping to secure the EPL title back at Planet Ice on Sunday when they host Swindon Wildcats, following an away tie at reigning champions Telford Tigers the day before.



• Tomas Karpov scored one and set up two more as Basingstoke Bison beat Hull Pirates 10-0 (picture by grantkingphotography.com)

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